

House Resolution 1740

By: Representative Benfield of the 85th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Destiny Academy of Excellence; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Destiny Academy of Excellence opened its doors in August of 2006 with 35
3 students and has grown and thrived, just like its original students, to an enrollment of over
4 100 students; and

5 WHEREAS, Destiny Academy of Excellence has been certified by the Georgia Department
6 of Education as making AYP for the 2009 school year, earning the school the distinction of
7 being one of only seven of DeKalb County's 24 high schools to earn this prestigious
8 recognition; and

9 WHEREAS, the school was recognized by the State School Superintendent of Georgia as one
10 of the ten schools with the greatest gains in percentage of students in the meets and exceeds
11 scoring levels of the State Superintendent's Distinguished Achievement Awards Program;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, 100 percent of the school's first senior class matriculated, with 73 percent of
14 those graduates going on to attend postsecondary institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, 100 percent of the school's next "mid-year" senior class will be graduating with
16 high school diplomas, with 50 percent of those students planning to enter the military and
17 serve this nation; and

18 WHEREAS, 27 seniors are on track to graduate in May, 2010, with each of them on the way
19 to bright and promising futures; and

20 WHEREAS, the school generates no negative expenses to the DeKalb School System
21 because the school's building was a generous donation from New Birth; and

22 WHEREAS, this fine institution generates an FTE count of 1.5 for each of its 106 alternative
23 education students and has generated state revenue for the DeKalb County School System
24 for these students who might not otherwise be enrolled in school; and

25 WHEREAS, the school has obtained a grant for \$100,000 from AT&T for the dramatic
26 impact its education program has upon its students; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished school be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Destiny Academy of Excellence for improving the lives
31 of the future leaders of this state and commend its commitment to providing quality
32 education in DeKalb County.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Destiny Academy of
35 Excellence.